IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURBALE SRI JUSTICE N.V.RAMANA

W.P. No. 6125 OF 2006

Dated : March 28, 2006

Between:

R.Ramana Murthy

Petitioner

AND

The Vice Chairman & Managing Director,

A.P. Schedule Castes Co-Op. Finance Corporation

Limited, Hyderabad, and others

Respondents

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ORAL ORDER:

Assailing the action of the respondents in reverting the petitioner as L.D. Steno ignoring his twelve years experience as U.D. Steno, this writ petition is filed.

The case of the petitioner is that he was appointed on daily wages as Typist on 21.12.1983 after following due process of selection. While in service, the petitioner acquired Shorthand English Lower qualification in the year 1986, and his services were regularized in the post of Typist in 1990. Subsequently, his probation was declared on the post of L.D. Steno-Typists vide proceedings dated 8.4.1991. On representation of the petitioner, the respondents directed the petitioner to submit declaration that he would pass Shorthand English Higher Grade within two years and on such declaration, he was considered for the post of U.D. Steno, and he reported duty on 7.1.1994 and continued as such, under such conditional order. But since the petitioner failed to acquire the said qualification within the time specified, the impugned order came to be passed by the first respondent reverting the petitioner to the post of L.D. Steno in the time scale of Rs.4825-10845 with immediate effect. The impugned order further reads that as and when the petitioner furnishes evidence of having passed the prescribed Shorthand English (Higher) examination, he shall be promoted to the cadre of U.D. Steno.

Admittedly, the petitioner has not acquired the prescribed qualification, for promotion to the post of U.D. Steno. It is the contention of the petitioner that since he worked as Camp Clerk and has put in 23 years of service in the Corporation, he is entitled for exemption from passing Shorthand Higher Examination. Whether or not the petitioner is entitled for exemption of passing Shorthand Higher Examination for promotion to the post of U.D. Steno is a matter for the respondents to consider. Since the promotion of the petitioner to the post of U.D. Steno is subject to his acquiring qualification of Shorthand English Higher Grade within two years, and the petitioner having failed to acquire the said qualification, no exception can be taken to the impugned order passed by the respondents reverting him to the post of L.D. Steno.

Hence, the writ petition fails, and is accordingly dismissed. However, the dismissal of the writ petition does not preclude the respondents from considering the representation of the petitioner, if any pending. No order as to costs.

N.V.RAMANA, J.

March 28, 2006.

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